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Preparations were being made in December 1946 for the opening near Grodno ($53^{\circ}45'N$, $23^{\circ}50'E$) of a shale mine which would have an estimated annual output of several million tons of oil. Plans were being made also for the building of an underground fuel distillation plant for the manufacture of gas and the obtaining of chemical raw materials. The research is being conducted by the Power Institute of the USSR under one Chernishev. The area is guarded by MVD and military personnel, particularly because initial construction work was attacked and sabotaged by Polish and Lithuanian guerrillas.

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